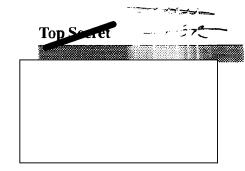


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China:	Possible Nuclear Artillery Test
	a uranium artillery shell
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	China could be seeking to confirm the reliability of a nuclear artillery shell design in advance of a nuclear test ban. Such a weapon would be primarily defensive, for use along China's perimeter against massed
	formations such as an amphibious landing or a Russian ground attack.

